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Honda To Lead CA Delegation Trip To China

Silicon Valley Rep. Joins with State Legislators, Labor, Business Leaders for Trade Mission

San Francisco, CA— Tomorrow, U.S. Congressman Mike Honda (D-San Jose), accompanied by a delegation of California State Senators, Assembly members, high-tech business and labor leaders will depart San Francisco on an historic trade trip to China. In China, the group will meet with top government officials and visit Silicon Valley businesses that have offices on the Chinese mainland in order to promote a greater understanding of issues critical to the United States trade relationship with China.

Honda and the delegation will make a brief statement previewing the trip and will participate in a “send-off” ceremony with Chinese Consul General Wang Yunxiang TOMMOROW, SATURDAY, August 4, at 2:00 PM at the Air China VIP Lounge located between Gates 91 and 92 in SFO’s International Terminal.

“In the coming years, China represents enormous growth opportunities for our Silicon Valley businesses but there are many human rights and environmental concerns that must be addressed before we can achieve a trade relationship that truly benefits both our nations,” said Honda. **“Increasingly the debate on China in the Congress is being cast in black and white terms— I am eager to meet with the Chinese government and our own high tech businesses who operate in China to get a full color picture of the complex landscape of the road ahead.”**

Honda will be joined by a group of over 30 Bay Area leaders and policymakers, including State Senators Brulte, Figueroa, McPherson, and Ackerman and California Assembly Members Elaine Alquist and Ellen Corbett. The group will also include Amy Dean, the CEO of the South Bay Labor Council, Francisco Hsieh of the California World Trade Commission, D.K. Lu, Chairman of the Santa Clara Sister County Commission, George Koo, partner at Wilson, Sonsini, and Mali Kuo, CEO of DVS incorporated. Honda and the delegation will be meeting with top Chinese government officials and Silicon Valley businesses in Beijing, Nanjing, Suzhou and Shanghai. U.S. businesses that will be visited include Hewlett Packard, AMD and AOL’s new partner, Legend Computer.

Honda will be keeping a “digital journal” each day that will be posted on his official website www.house.gov/honda, and will be engaging in live webcasts and webchats with constituents and members of the press while in China (details to follow).